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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

JAMES DAVIES

Application No.: 09/883,094

Filed: 15 June 2001 (Actual)

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A  
PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT  
PROCESS**

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**PETITION TO CORRECT  
INCORRECTLY ENTERED FILING  
DATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10(c) and  
(d)**

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Dear Office of Petitions:

(1) Applicant petitions to have the correct filing date of 15 June 2001 accorded to the above referenced application. While applicant has not received an Official Filing Receipt, applicant has received a return postcard that indicates an incorrect filing date of 16 June 2001 may be accorded by the patent office.

(2) Please deduct the petition fee, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h), of \$130.00 from the Deposit Account No. 50-0893 of the undersigned. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

(3) Applicants showing that the application was actually deposited on the requested filing date of 15 June 2001 consists of the following statements, which Applicants attorney attests are true, and of the attached documents, which Applicants attorney attests are true copies of the originals. The following documents are attached hereto:

(a) a true color copy of the front and back of the Express Mail receipt for the mailing of the subject application, showing an official USPS notation indicating that the Express Mail package was accepted by the U.S. Post Office on 15 June 2001;

(b) a true copy of a declaration prepared within one business day of 15 June 2001 corroborating that the Express Mailing was accepted by the U.S. Post Office on 15 June 2001;

(c) a true copy of the first page of the deposited materials showing that the number of the Express Mail label was placed on the papers that constitute the correspondence.

(4) The facts regarding this deposit are as follows:

(a) The Express Mail envelope was received and accepted at the San Francisco Airport Post Office before 11:50 p.m. on 15 June 2001. The last processing pickup for Express Mail for the Post Office is 11:59 p.m. and the Post Office closes at 11:59 p.m.

(b) A postal clerk accepted the envelope and stated that the clerk's computer system was not able to process express mail and that the clerk would bring the envelope to a different computer system to be processed. The undersigned depositor waited approximately 20 minutes for the clerk to return with the receipts.

(c) When the clerk returned the receipts, the clerk stated that the Date In and Time In on the receipts reflected when the envelope was processed at the computer terminal and not the date it was accepted at the Post Office. The clerk stated that the official USPS stamp of 15 June 2001 that was on the receipt indicated the date the envelope was accepted by the Post Office.

(d) A return acknowledgement post card was received on June 25, 2001. The post card indicated that a filing date of 16 June 2001 was accorded to the application.

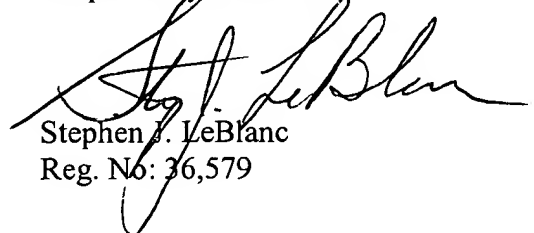
(e) Applicants hand-delivered a copy of the Express Mail receipt on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001 in an attempt to have the correct filing date entered at the mail room before issuance of a filing receipt.

(5) If a telephone conference would assist in processing this petition, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7855.

(6) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this statement is directed.

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Date: 06/18/2001  
To: Jonathan Alan Quine and to file  
From: Stephen LeBlanc  
RE: Filing of patent application

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This memo concerns the circumstances of my filing a U.S. and PCT patent application at the San Francisco Airport Post Office on 15 June 2001 and is in response to your email received today.

I arrived at the San Francisco Airport Post Office prior to the closing time of the Post Office at approximately 11:45 p.m. on 15 June 2001. I handed the two express mail envelopes to an available postal clerk when I arrived. The postal clerk accepted the envelopes and informed me that I could leave them with the clerk for processing. I stated that I wanted to get a receipt and would wait. The clerk informed me that her computer system was not able to process express mail at that time and that she would have to bring the two envelopes to another computer to process. I informed her that I needed the receipt to correctly reflect that I had deposited the envelopes with her on 15 June 2001. I then waited while the clerk waited for another clerk to finish with another customer and then processed my prepaid federal express envelopes. When the clerk returned the receipts to me after they had been entered into the computer system, I noticed that the handwritten Date and Time indicated 12:00 p.m., 16 Dec 2001 on one receipt (EL855325604US) and 12:06, 16 Dec 2001 on the other receipt (EL855325604US). I asked the clerk about this was informed that the postal cancellation stamp of 15 June 2001 reflected as was evidence of the date the clerk had accepted the Express Mail envelopes. The clerk stated that the date in and time in on the receipt reflected entry into the computer system, which was delayed as a result of the clerk's computer being unavailable.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 18 June 2001

Signed By: Stephen LeBlanc

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Sir:

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☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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☐ divisional application of  
☐ prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_  
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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: James Davies et al.

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

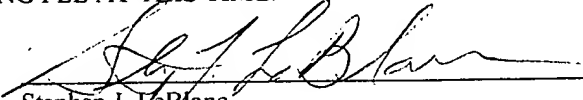
- ☐ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 60/211,818, filed June 15, 2000 and USSN 60/281,061, filed April 2, 2001, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 48 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)
- ☒ 31 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s)
- ☒ 1 abstract
- ☒ 48 number of claims
- ☐ an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration
- ☐ a Power of Attorney
- ☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application
- ☒ cover sheet
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97
- ☒ Application Data Entry Sheet
- ☐ a petition to extend time to respond in the parent application
- ☐ notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application
- ☒ Patent Application Filing Acknowledgement postcard.
- ☒ 1 extra copy of this sheet is enclosed
- ☐ a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27  
( ) is enclosed  
( ) was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired
- ☒ Small Entity Status is Claimed
- ☐ Preliminary amendment

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

DO NOT CHARGE THE FILING FEE AT THIS TIME.

  
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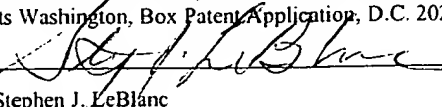
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